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- 25X1 1. During May and June 1953 three to five planes were over Ningpo (N 29-54, E 121-32) daily. In late June, the repairs on Changch'iao (N 29-57, E 121-34) Airfield were completed.
- 25X1 [] 2. In August there were eight Soviet advisers at Changch'iao Airfield. Seven were ground personnel and one was an engineering adviser of lieutenant colonel rank. The airfield had about ten underground hangars [] covered with four layers of one-inch steel plate [] a navigation aid station, and a large oil tank which was empty.
- 25X1 3. In mid-July the Chinese Communists dug a cave at the foot of Nanpao (0589/1027) Mountain, north of Nanhsiung (N 25-13, E 114-17) Airfield. The cave was 370 feet deep and about 140 feet wide and was to be used exclusively for storing Air Force supplies. On 19 and 20 July, large quantities of Air Force equipment, and 700 barrels of 53 gallons each of gasoline were shipped from Canton to be stored in this cavern depot.
- 25X1 4. In early July the Chinese Communists planned to construct an airfield near P'ut'ien (N 25-29, E 119-03).

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25X1 [] Comment. [] Changch'aio Airfield was
25X1 being repaired 17 March 1953.

25X1 [] Comment. Despite continued reporting of underground hangars at
air bases throughout China, the general use of such structures by the Chinese
Communists is still considered doubtful. Even if such structures were occasion-
ally used, it is highly improbable that the Chinese Communists would make such
extravagant use of one-inch steel plate.

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